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SUBJ: N.A. ROZHKOV SHIFTED FROM MOSGORKOM TO MVD

1. NIKOLAY ALEKSANDROVICH ROZHKOV WAS NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS USSR ON SEPTEMBER 3 OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO SOBRANIYE POSTANOVLENIY PRAVITEL'STVA SSSR, 19, 1975. ROZHKOV WAS RELEASED FROM HIS POST AS SECRETARY OF THE MOSCOW CITY PARTY COMMITTEE AT A SEPTEMBER 24 PLENUM. LOCAL SCUTTLEBUTT RETAILED BY SOVIET JOURNALISTS CLAIMED THAT ROZHKOV WAS FIRED IN CONNECTION WITH A CONSTRUCTION SCANDAL INVOLVING LARGE SUMS. APPARENTLY ONLY ELEMENT OF PLAUSABILITY IN THIS TYPICAL DISINFORMATION IS THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION; BY TRAINING HE IS A CIVIL ENGINEER.

2. NOT CLEAR WHAT ROZHKOV'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ARE, BUT ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT HIS CONSTRUCTION EXPERTISE WOULD BE USEFUL IN POLICE EFFORTS AGAINST "WHITE-COLLAR" CRIME IN CONSTRUCTION WHERE EMBEZZLING AND MISAPPROPRIATION ARE RAMPANT. ROZHKOV'S POLITICAL CONNECTIONS ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT HIS RECENT POSTS HAVE BEEN UNDER POLITBURO MEMBER V.V. GRISHIN AND MOSCOW MAYOR PROMYSLOV.

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